

I find it amazing that the National Association of Broadcasters feels a need to meddle in subscription satellite radio's ability to provide service to it's paying customers. My opinion is that broadcast radio has become a virtual monopoly and my satellite subscription has provided me a music and news source not subject to the whims of broadcast radio's heavy-hitters. I feel that having this service (and paying for it) has freed me from hours of commercials and talk on supposedly music stations. Perhaps the FCC should concentrate on mandating minutes of non-advertising broadcast per hour on radio as they have on television, rather than allowing this interference in fee-based services. Having a 24-hour, continuous source for traffic and weather as part of my subscription seems a no-brainer since it has become available. Although not yet available in my area, I have listened in on other metro areas and think that it will be a valuable addition to my service when it becomes available here.

Finally, does the FCC determine what the satellite TV carriers provide for local service? I don't see local (or cable) television complaining all that much, so why should broadcast radio be granted an unwarranted protection against what satellite radio broadcasts?

Please reject petition 04-160 and provide the same freedom to satellite radio subscribers to enjoy their service that satellite TV subscribers have.